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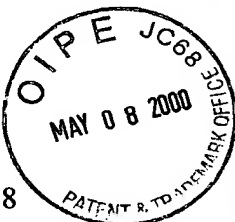
In re application of:

GUARNIERI, Frank

Appl. No. 09/183,267

Filed: October 30, 1998

For: **Computational Protein Probing to
Identify Binding Sites**



Art Unit: 1618

Examiner: McCarthy III, T.

Atty. Docket: 1866.0010001/JAG/JMC

Reply To Restriction Requirement

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated December 6, 1999, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicant hereby provisionally elects to prosecute the invention of Group I, represented by claims 1-8. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed. This election is made without traverse. Consideration and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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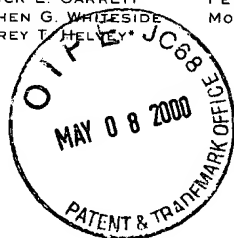
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Re: U.S. Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/183,267; Filed: October 30, 1998
For: **Computational Protein Probing to Identify Binding Sites**
Inventor: Guarnieri, Frank
Our Ref: 1866.0010001/JAG/JMC

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Transmittal Letter (*in duplicate*);
2. Fee Transmittal (*in duplicate*);
3. Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1) (*in duplicate*);
4. Reply To Restriction Requirement;
5. Executed Associate Power of Attorney;
6. SKG&F Check No. 27443 in the amount \$1,360.00 for extension fee; and
7. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

Commissioner for Patents


May 8, 2000

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

FEE TRANSMITTAL

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See 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.27 and 1.28.

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TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$1,360.00)

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	690	201	345	Utility filing fee	
106	310	206	155	Design filing fee	
107	480	207	240	Plant filing fee	
108	690	208	334	Reissue filing fee	
114	150	214	75	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)					

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Extra	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims - 20** =	X	
Indep. Claims - 3** =	X	
Multiple Dependent		

** or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see below

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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	78	202	39	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	260	204	130	Multiple dependent claim
108	78	209	39	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	380	216	190	Extension for reply within second month	
117	870	217	435	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,360	218	680	Extension for reply within fourth month	\$1,360
128	1,850	228	925	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	300	219	150	Notice of Appeal	
120	300	220	150	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	260	221	130	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,210	241	605	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,210	242	605	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	430	243	215	Design issue fee	
144	580	244	290	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	240	126	240	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	760	246	380	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149	760	249	380	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	

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